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AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME
Art Unit: 2827
Examiner: L. Cruz

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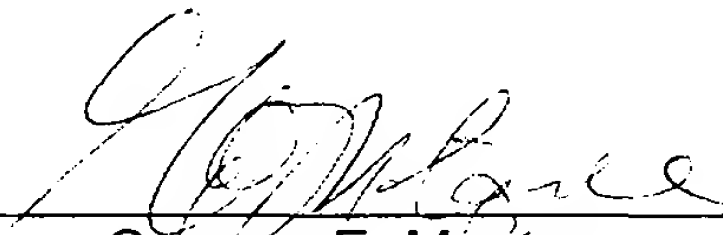
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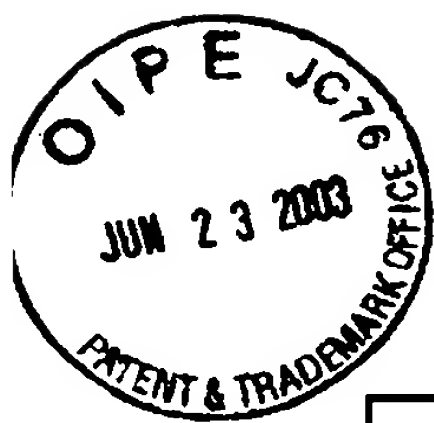
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Singapore Patent Application No.: 200100859-8

Title of invention:

Applicant(s): Hitachi, Ltd.

SEARCH REPORT (Supplementary)

The Search Report for this application has been established and a copy of it is attached. ~~This application will proceed to publication in accordance with section 27 of the Patents Act (Cap. 221).~~

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the examination report



the written opinion



the Registry's copy of the priority application



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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- ☒ This search report has been drawn on the basis of the "Request for a Search Report or Supplementary Search Report" dated 11 June 2002 and is established for the requested claims Nos.14-17.
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Electronic data base consulted during the search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5929511 A (NAKAZAWA et al.) 27 July 1999 (27.07.99) <i>claims 1-3, abstract.</i>	14-17

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EXPLANATIONS

US 5929511 A:

The lead frame includes main body that consists of copper material on which a nickel layer, a palladium layer and a metal layer are formed in an order. The main body includes a die pad, a suspension lead, an inner lead, a tie rod, an outer lead and a frame. The main body includes a sealing member by which main body is sealed using a sealing resin. The sealing resin is guided to the sealing member using a gate runner. The metal layer is not formed at least at one part of gate runner.

JP 61-140160 A2:

To contrive the reduction of cost and the improvement of reliability by a method wherein an Ni alloy layer having one or more elements of B, P, Fe, and Co is provided on a metallic substrate, and the semiconductor element fixing part and inner lead terminals are provided with Pd or Pd-Ni alloy platings. The substrate punched out of a copper strip is provided with a Ni-Fe alloy plated layer as the base layer over the whole by electroplating. Further, Pd plated layers are partly provided thereon at the mechanical part including the semiconductor element fixing part and inner lead terminals. A Si pellet is brazed on the Pd plated layer with an Ag paste solder at the semiconductor element fixing part, and the Si pellet is wired to the inner lead terminals of the lead frame with Au fine wires. Thereafter, an IC package is constructed by sealing the whole with a resin.

JP 11-307710 A2:

The lead frame is formed by nickel or nickel alloy, copper or copper alloy and iron, or ferrous metal. The surface layer containing silver is provided in an inner lead and the surface layer containing silver and tin in outer lead .



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